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Re: Public comment received for GCR 15-015 Hospice Rates January 2016

Comment:

The hospice amendment proposal states: “Population Affected: Home Health Agencies providing hospice care; Medicaid beneficiaries receiving hospice care in the home.” Please clarify whether or not “...hospice care in the home” includes all settings in which a Vermonter may receive hospice care such as a nursing facility and a residential care home.

Response:

Hospice care services are for a terminally ill patient who elects hospice services in lieu of other medical services for a terminal condition. Hospice care can be provided in a patient’s home/residence or other facilities such as a nursing home or inpatient facility. Currently there are different revenue codes used to bill for hospice care based on the location the care is being provided.

